

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace paragraph [0026] with the following amended paragraph:**

[0026] Still other example embodiments provide that if a malformed message 105 cannot be immediately identified as poisonous (or while the message is poisonous, there is still value to try to find portions of the message that are not poisonous and can still be delivered), it may be progressively de-featured in an attempt to salvage valid content within the message. For example, if message 105 has ID 124 in log 120, which has a start state 126 with no finish state, it can be identified as malformed. With no indication that message 105 is poisonous, a portion of the message 105 may be removed to increase the likelihood of message processor 115 being able to ~~appropriate~~appropriately process the remaining portion of the message 105.

**Please replace paragraph [0038] with the following amended paragraph:**

[0038] Figure 3 illustrates an example flow chart of a method 300 that includes steps for and acts of processing at least a portion of a message wherein an attempt to previously process the message failed. The following description of Figure 3 will occasionally refer to corresponding elements from Figure 1. Although reference may be made to ~~[[a-]]~~specific elements in Figures 1, such elements are used for illustrative purposes only and are not meant to limit or otherwise narrow the scope of the present invention.

**Please replace paragraph [0041] with the following amended paragraph:**

[0041] Method 300 also includes an act of attempting 310 to reprocess the message 105 subsequent to removing the portion of the message 105. Method 300 may be progressively reiterated until the message 105 is appropriately ~~processes~~processed or until a predefined point to where it is determined the message 105 is poisonous and should be deleted. The message processing state information 120 may further indicate those portions of the message that were previously de-featured and record this de-featured state information (e.g., 127) along with the identity (e.g., ID 124) of the message 105 for future reference when applying the de-featuring rules.